

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE:** Health Systems

**RECORDER:** Dona Meinders      **DATE:** July 25, 2002

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>
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**CHAIRPERSONS:** Arleen Downing and Julie Kingsley

**PRESENT:** Jean Brunelli, Arleen Downing, Julie Kingsley, Dwight Lee, Mara McGrath, Peter Michael Miller, Hallie Morrow

**STAFF:** Dona Meinders

**DDS LIAISONS:** Mary Lu Hickman

**ABSENT:** Bonnie Bear, Nancy Lee, Robin Millar, Ivete Pena, Nancy Sager, Sheila Wolfe

**GUESTS:** Robert Powell, CASHA; Sandy Harvey; Parent Links; Rick Ingraham, DDS; Eileen McCauley, DDS

<b>SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT POINTS AND ACTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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**I. Introduction and Opening Comments:**

Ms. Kingsley opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Agenda Review:**

It was agreed that Eileen McCauley RN, MS, Nurse Consultant, Health and Wellness Section at DDS would update HSC on current projects including Physician Education. This report and discussion would be part of Agenda Item IV D, and this would be the first item of business. It was also noted that at 2:15 PM the committee would join the Quality Assurance Committee per agenda item IV. E for presentation of the Infant Mental Health Screening tool.

Ms. McGrath asked that committee members also discuss:

- Wellness Fair
- Sickle cell white paper
- Training on health issues for service coordinators

Other agenda topics were adjusted to meet schedules of Bob Powell and Rick Ingraham, DDS.

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Page 125 -Third bullet under Key Points/Discussion Items; add *for* between **need** and **increased**.  
Page 127 - Fourth bullet under "Other discussion items" remove **in** between successful programs

**Page 129 – V. Department Reports – the correct website for the DHS Children’s Medical Services Branch, with information on the Newborn Hearing Screening Program, is [www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms)**

**Dr. Morrow moved that the minutes be approved as amended. All agreed.**

**IV. Committee Tasks and Activities: (reported in order of meeting discussion)**

**A. Discussion regarding recommendations for outreach to pediatricians, community physicians and other health care providers – review existing materials and approaches.**

- **Presentation: Wellness Initiative:** Eileen Mc Cauley, RN, DDS presented an overview of the Wellness Initiative discussing the Partners and Projects Matrix. Ms McCauley discussed these projects and efforts. A few highlights included:
  - ARCA Forum – in which there is to be an Early Start track - tentatively scheduled for Oct 2003 in San Diego.
  - DD health information site ([www.ddhealthinfo.org](http://www.ddhealthinfo.org)) with UCSD and the CA Center for Health Improvement – information for 30 conditions and syndromes plus 12 special treatment needs such as aspiration, tube feeding etc. contained on the site, which has been well received by the field. Five new syndromes added each year.
  - DDS Heal line (1-877- DDS HEAL) – tape (not live person) in Spanish and English with information on how to access assistance. DDS staff returns call and offer assistance.
  - Projects to increase physician education and awareness. This year DDS Wellness Section is working with University of California to make Health care Providers aware of two or three major issues related to the care of children and adults with developmental disabilities. These 2-3 major issues (“marketing points”) are still being identified, and Eileen McCauley would be interested in suggestions regarding 2-3 points.)
  - HSC was interested in the many projects currently occurring in individual regional centers to increase physician awareness of Early Start.
  - HSC members and Eileen Mc Cauley discussed options for physician awareness and education and agreed to share information and plans.
- Dr. Miller presented a Draft framework paper regarding increasing Primary Health Care Provider Awareness and Education. This draft paper describes past efforts of the ICC, rationale, current status, and potential future directions. A lively discussion continued. New Jersey’s “First Signs” packet was recognized as a good tool. Since information needs to be current, a suggestion was made to use distance learning or other technology information so updates could be provided on an on-going basis for diagnosis, screening, referral, and services in local areas. Training for doctors needs to be specific. Information and training for families about health care services needs to be consistent. HSC members discussed the importance of increasing provider awareness and involvement for Early Start children, and the importance of collaboration with the Public Awareness Committee and DDS Wellness Section.

**ACTION: Physician Outreach**

- Develop a document to share with the PAC that includes issues and suggested plans.
- Consider developing a long-range (10 year) plan for training and education.

- Dr. Miller will revise the paper and email to Arleen Downing who will forward to HSC members. Members will revise. Paper will be discussed at the next meeting in anticipation of sharing with the Public Awareness Committee.

- B. HSC joined the QAC meeting for presentation on Infant Mental Health Screening Tool presented by Penny Knapp MD, Department of Mental Health.** (See Minutes of QAC for notes for this presentation.) After return from this presentation members of HSC noted that health care providers and Early Start programs and providers need to have training in Infant Mental Health so that they can address and recognize mental health concerns. Families need support in handling common issues such as sleeplessness, excessive crying, behavior problems, etc. HSC is interested in working with QA in working to assure that issues of Infant Family Mental Health are addressed for Early Start Children.

**ACTION: Plan for a joint meeting with Quality Assurance Committee regarding strategies for psycho-social/ emotional assessment and infant family mental health status.**

- C. Feedback on input to CASHA paper on Preferred Practices** (*Preferred Practice Patterns for Speech Pathologists in Service Delivery to Infants and Toddlers and their Families: Guidelines for Intervention Planning and Delivery*)

Bob Powell from CASHA stated that Ruth Harris wanted to be here but was unable to due to a family emergency and he suggested that committee hold this open item until she can meet with her again.

- D. Coordination with DDS representative regarding follow-up to ICC Action Item and Recommendations for Vision Screening Assessment.**
- E. Coordination with DDS representative regarding previous ICC Action Item and Recommendations for guidelines on ST, OT and PT services in early intervention**

These two items which were Action items voted by the ICC in the past need to be reviewed by DDS and HSC is requesting information regarding implementation. The letter to Cliff Allenby, DDS by Raymond Peterson, MD in the ICC booklet was noted, and need to address training issues was noted by HSC in discussion.

**ACTION for D. Vision Screen Assessment and E. Therapy Services: DDS will review and provide update on these issues (Vision and Therapy at next HSC meeting.**

- F. Beginning discussion and plans to address hearing screening and assessment practices – review current approaches and materials and consult with DHS and CDE – members to bring resources and copies of materials. –**

**ACTION: topic deferred until November HSC meeting in N. California when a DHS Audiologist and Nancy Sager, CDE can both be present.**

- V. OTHER:** There was a brief discussion of the fact that in California children under three are in the eligibility categories for Early Start: 1) High Risk, 2) Delay, 3) Established Risk. In most children the diagnosis of developmental disability such as Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Severe Epilepsy, or Autism is not coded until transition prior to age 3. It was noted that OSEP has found that California has low numbers for “disability” category.

## **Department Reports**

- **DDS – Dr. Hickman reported:**
  - Two major new Autism Research studies, the CHARGE and CADDRE projects, funded by Center for Disease Control and the National Institute of Environmental Health Studies are underway.
  - Draft guidelines for a screening, evaluation, and assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder are due out soon.
  - MIND Institute will be soliciting schools and regional centers to invite families to participate in studies on potential genetic and environmental causes of autism.
  - Stanford is proposing a study of twins with autism which will be coordinated with the above projects.
  - Children and Families Services Branch is participating with MediCal Managed Care to review services for children with special health care needs.
  - A new national Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry has been established to increase pre-service and post-service knowledge and expertise of professionals caring for persons with disabilities.
- **Department of Health – Dr. Morrow reported that the budget items are still unknown until budget is passed. She reported on:**
  - **Newborn hearing screening-** Hearing Coordination Centers – when budget is signed, contracts will be signed. Effective July 15, 2002, Miller Children’s Hospital in Southern CA is taking on the infant tracking activities in SC on an interim basis. (see handouts) Certification activities in Southern California will be on hold pending the selection of one or more Hearing Coordination Center(s) through the competitive RFP process.
  - **Released RFP for hearing coordination centers –** (See handout)
  - Submitted a MCH grant jointly with education and DHS to do PCP education about the newborn hearing screening program: - training with audiologists: -and to bring together EI people across the state to look at developing a statewide hearing assessment protocol for infants and toddlers with hearing loss, including a training component. Should know by August if funded.

## **VI. Agenda Items for next Meeting: The following were listed:**

Discuss Interim meeting. Vision. Therapy: ST/OT/PT. Mental Health/ Role of SC, EI provider, Physician—role in Infant Mental Health assessment, and training issues in Infant Mental Health. Service coordinator training issues related to Health Status including “chronic health conditions” i.e. Sickle cell collaboration per comment in public session.

Meet with PAC regarding Physician Outreach

## **VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM**